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Re: Application of Joshua C. Harrison :

Application No.10/076,552

: Group Art Unit 3619

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For: SAFETY DEVICE FOR SNOWBOARDS

Response to Notice of 13MAR02 to File Corrected Application Papers

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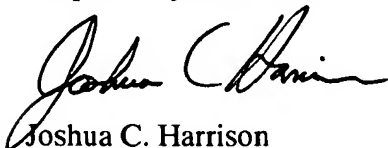
Thank you for your notice dated 13 March 2002 informing me that I incorrectly spaced the lines of text in my written specification filed 19 February 2002, and requiring me to submit a substitute specification. It is my hope that this letter, and the materials that I have submitted with this letter, will fully respond to your 13MAR02 notice and requirement.

The substitute specification that I submit herewith in satisfaction of your 13MAR02 notice has 1.5 line spacing in compliance with 37 CFR §1.52(b). The substitute specification includes no new matter.

After filing application 10/076,552, but before the date of your 13MAR02 notice, I submitted a preliminary amendment to the specification and claims. The preliminary amendment was dated 05MAR02 and was posted on 06MAR02.

I believe that it is proper for me to incorporate the changes made by the 05MAR02 preliminary amendment into the substitute specification that I now submit, according to 37 CFR §1.125(b). I have included with this letter a substitute specification in clean form as required by 37 CFR §1.125(c). I have also included with this letter a marked-up copy of the substitute specification showing matter added to and matter deleted from the specification of record (by the 05MAR02 preliminary amendment) as required by 37 CFR §1.125(b)(2). This letter includes language satisfying 37 CFR §1.125(b)(1).

Respectfully submitted,

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Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- A substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52 because:
 - Line spacing on the specification, claims, or abstract is not 1-1/2 or double spaced (See 37 CFR 1.52(b)).

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substitute specification,
excluding claims, to
satisfy the requirement
of 37 CFR § 1.125(b)(2).



SAFETY DEVICE FOR SNOWBOARDS

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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relates generally to sports equipment. The present invention relates
to a safety device for the sport of snowboarding, and to safety devices used to
prevent injury while snowboarding.

2. Background

Snowboarding is a winter sport that has gained in global popularity and is now commonly
practiced at most ski resorts in the United States. Many Americans have already purchased
equipment for snowboarding. This equipment usually includes a snowboard, snowboarding
boots, and bindings to attach the snowboarding boots to the snowboard.

Two general types of snowboard bindings are owned by Americans today: "strap-in"
snowboard bindings and "click-in" snowboard bindings. Both types of bindings are attached
to the snowboard by threaded fasteners and are not removed from the snowboard during use.
Neither type of binding is designed to separate from the snowboard under the force of a
crash.

With strap-in bindings, the snowboarding boot is attached to the bindings by straps that
must be connected and tightened. The straps must be loosened and/or disconnected to detach
the snowboarding boots from the bindings. Strap-in bindings also serve to structurally
reinforce the snowboarder's ankles while snowboarding (i.e. when the straps are tightened).
Because the strap-in bindings provide the necessary rigidity around the snowboarder's
ankles, the snowboarding boots need not be designed to be rigid or stiff. Therefore, the
snowboarding boots that are designed to be compatible with strap-in bindings can be
designed to be comfortable for normal walking. However, the feature facilitating
comfortable boot design does not significantly enhance safety while snowboarding nor
significantly reduce the chance of injury while snowboarding. Contemporary strap-in
bindings are not designed to allow the separation of the boots from the snowboard under the
force of a crash.